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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF TOASTS: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND
FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA, LUSAKA.

FOLLOWING ARE THE TEXTS OF THE EXCHANGE OF TOASTS OF ZAMBIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER RUPIAH BANDA AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AT
A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE SECRETARY THIS EVENING, APRIL 26
IN THE BALLROOM OF THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, LUSAKA: FOREIGN
MINISTER BANDA: QUOTE AS WE WERE DRIVING IN THE AMERICAN LIMOUSINE
FROM THE AIRPORT TO LUSAKA THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASKED ME WHAT
KIND OF SPEECH HE SHOULD GIVE TONIGHT. I TOLD HIM THAT I THINK
THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING HAVE HEARD SO MUCH
ABOUT YOU, I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR
POLITICS BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS REPORTED. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ON
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OF THOSE LOVELY OFF-THE-CUFF SPEECHES THAT I HAVE HEARD YOU GIVE
IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON BEFORE. SO IN THIS CASE THAT IS WHAT
HE IS GOING TO DO. IN MY CASE I AM GOING TO READ. I JUST TOLD
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HIM ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW.

QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCIES, I WANT FIRST OF ALL, ON MY PERSONAL BEHALF TO THANK THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ACCEPTING THE INVITATION BY OUR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT WHICH I EXTENDED TO HIM LAST SEPTEMBER IN NEW YORK. HE EVEN ASKED ME WHAT IS THE BEST TIME TO COME TO ZAMBIA, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE, OF COURSE, OF THIS IS THAT HE HAS KEPT TO THE TIME THAT I SUGGESTED. IN OTHER WORDS, HE HAS ADJUSTED HIMSELF TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO BE HERE WHEN HE SAID HE WOULD BE HERE, WHICH WAS APRIL.

QUOTE IT IS, ONCE AGAIN, MY PLEASANT DUTY, ON BEHALF OF THE PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, TO WELCOME YOU, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE AND YOUR DELEGATION, TO ZAMBIA.

QUOTE WHEN I WELCOMED YOU AT THE AIRPORT LATE THIS AFTERNOON, I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALTHOUGH YOUR VISIT TO ZAMBIA WAS A SHORT ONE, IT WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, AFFORD YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR CONCERNS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES.

QUOTE ZAMBIA'S STAND ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS WELL KNOWN. IT HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS SUCH AS THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE UNITED NATIONS, THE NON-ALIGNED AND COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCES.

QUOTE WHEN HIS EXCELLENCE THE PRESIDENT, DR. KENNETH KAUNDA, VISITED THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR, HE WARNED OF THE GRAVE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION. THESE DANGERS, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, ARE NOW MORE OMINOUS THAN EVER BEFORE BECAUSE OF THE STUBBORN REFUSAL, ON THE PART OF THE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES AND THEIR COLLABORATORS, TO ACCEDE TO THE JUST DEMANDS FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

QUOTE IT IS A FACT, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, THAT WE ON OUR PART HAVE ADVOCATED A PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT THE RACIST REGIMES HAVE CONSISTENTLY REJECTED OUR OFFER FOR A PEACEFUL CHANGE. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE NOW LEFT WITH NO OPTION BUT TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES THROUGH THE ONLY WAY OPEN TO THEM - ARMED STRUGGLE.

QUOTE ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS HER TOTAL COMMITMENT TO THAT STRUGGLE. IT IS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHICH THIS YEAR CELEBRATES THE BICENTENNIAL OF HER WAR OF LIBERATION AND INDEPENDENCE, WILL IDENTIFY HERSELF MORE

POSITIVELY WITH THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

QUOTE IN CONCLUDING MY BRIEF REMARKS, I WISH TO REITERATE OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

QUOTE MAY I NOW ASK YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN PROPOSING A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. (MAY I HAVE YOUR GLASS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. FORD. UNQUOTE

SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER:

QUOTE MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTERS, EXCELLENCIES, FRIENDS, I HAVE LOOK FORWARD FOR A LONG TIME TO THIS OPPORTUNITY OF VISITING ZAMBIA. I HAVE HAD A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER. I HAVE ADMIRED YOUR PRESIDENT AND WE HAVE TALKED A LONG TIME ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MY COMING HERE. INDEED THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN HIS PERSUASIVE WAY OF NEGOTIATING SUGGESTED THAT SINCE IN ZAMBIA ONE IS PERMITTED TO HAVE FOUR WIVES, IT WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR ME TO VISIT. AS A RESULT NANCY CALLS ME EVERY HALF HOUR TO FIND OUT WHAT I AM DOING. WHEN PRESIDENT KAUNDA VISITED

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WASHINGTON HE FIRST MADE A VERY ELOQUENT TOAST AT A DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THEN HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES STARTED SINGING TO US. I HAD THOUGHT SERIOUSLY WHETHER I SHOULD NOT RECIPROcate. WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER WANTS TO CLEAR THIS PLACE OUT I WILL COME UP HERE AND START SINGING FOR YOU.

QUOTE I AM GLAD THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD PLANNED THIS VISIT FOR A LONG TIME. THERE IS TOO MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION THAT THIS VISIT IS THE RESULT OF RECENT EVENTS AND THAT IT IS CAUSED BY SOME SUDDEN EMERGENCY. IT IS TRUE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD MANY PRE-OCCUPATIONS OVER THE LAST DECADES, INTERNALLY, AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD; I CONFESS THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH VERY PART OF THE WORLD WITH EQUAL ENERGY SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT AS YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER HAS POINTED OUT WE HAVE PLANNED THIS TRIP SINCE LAST SUMMER AD WE HAVE CHOSEN LUSAKA TO MAKE A SPEECH ON THE AMERICAN VIEW ON SOUTHERN AFRICA BECAUSE OF OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE WISDOM AND MODERATION AND DEDICATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA.

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QUOTE THE GREAT ISSUES OF OUR TIME, RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, FOR RACIAL EQUALITY, AND FOR MAJORITY RULE REFLECT THE BASIC VALUES OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND IT IS A PRIVILGEGE FOR US TO IDENTIFY OWRSELVES WITH THOSE ASPIRATIONS. WE WILL PUT FORWARD TOMORROW SOME CONCRETE IDEAS ON HOW PROGRESS CAN BE MADE. BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED BY AFRICAN SNA D THERE THERE CAN BE NO SOLUTIONS IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE FORCE. WE WILL THEREFORE LISTEN WITH GREAT ATTENTION AND WITH GREAT RESPECT TO YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT, AND WHATEVER WE MAY PUT FORWARD TOMORROW IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AND ELABORATION AND IS IN ANY EVENT THE BEGINNING AND NOT THE END OF A PROCESS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WE CONSIDER THIS TRIP AS A MEANS OF TELLING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROGRESS IN SELF-GOVERNMENT AND THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS THE ATTITUDE THAT HAS BROUGHT ME HERE, PLUS THE SELFISH PLEASURE OF MEETING SO MANY OLD FRIENDS, I LOOK FORWARD EAGERLY TO MY CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR PRESIDENT TOMORROW AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE VERY WARM AND FRIENDLY RECEPTION THAT I HAVE HAD HERE. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

QUOTE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND ZAMBIAN PEOPLES.

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